



THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CIBOLA, SANDOVAL, and VALENCIA COUNTIES

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Via email only to: 82895-71535069@requests.muckrock.com

RE: Your Inspection of Public Records Act request received November 21, 2019
regarding bulk data from search warrants.

Ms. Parsons Labs;

The Thirteenth Judicial District Court (Court) received a request under the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA) from you on November 21, 2019 that was forwarded by the Administrative Office of the Courts. Your request reads:

"To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records:

For all search warrants, applications for search warrants, cancellations, and authorization for search warrants between 2012 to the date of processing this request, please provide the following points of record for each:

Full Name of requester

If arrest, arrest ID (eg some cities/states use, "Incident Report")

Reason(s) for search warrant (typically either hand-written, or checkboxes)

Badge ID (or similar) of requester

District/Unit

Name of Judge

Name of approving officer

Whether an Arrest happened

Requested location of search warrant
Location of search warrant execution
Type of search warrant
Statements used to justify search warrant
Time and date when search warrant was submitted for approval
Time and date when search warrant was executed
Whether anything was seized
Whether anything was found
License plate of vehicle (if relevant)
Race of person fr search warrant
Age of person for search warrant
State of person for search warrant
Whether an informant was involved
Method of contact with informant leading to search warrant (eg, phone call, mail, fax, email, etc)
Description of person search warrant executed on
Legal code of violation
Description of violation
Date of violation
If search warrant related to debt: name of company debt is owed to, amount owed
Whether FBI involved
ID associated with FBI document (eg, IR #)
Whether search warrant was cancelled
Whether contraband found
Whether narcotics found

The records responsive to this request are likely available in a database, or in some query-able format. If your department or agency does not have direct access to the records, please raise to the respective department that can run queries directly (eg, through SQL).

Should your agency not have all of the requested records within a single record or document, please provide me the relevant documents that do, even if that requires more than one class of document. Should some of the records be unavailable, please let me know ahead of time so that we can narrow the request accordingly.

As the records responsive to this request are imperative for understanding how search warrants are executed, I ask that the public interest of these records be evaluated to the extent that the public's interest outweighs this request's burden. To add, this request is being sent to the largest city of every state and will be collated together to create a comprehensive map of search warrants throughout the US. As such, the records are not only important for understanding search warrants at a local level, but also at a national and state-wide level.

Please ensure that provided documents comply with Section 508, as these records will be shared with members of the public who are covered under the ADA. This guide should be

helpful: <https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/making-files-accessible/checklist/pdf/index.html>

If this request was sent to the wrong department or agency, please let me know so that I can send to the correct place.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 15 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Lucy Parsons Labs

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Upload documents

directly: https://accounts.muckrock.com/accounts/login/?next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.muckrock.com%2Faccounts%2Flogin%2F%3Fnext%3D%252Faccounts%252Fagency_login%252Fnew-mexico-courts-19076%252Fsearch-warrant-data-82895%252F%253Femail%253Dipra-grp%252540nmcourts.gov&url_auth_token=AABnz8ScZTeBioBb6WOGC4FMHos%3A1iXvZq%3A4YhoX831Xvqe16tS0pD87iAIr_w

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For mailed responses, please address (see note):

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PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number) requests might be returned as undeliverable."

It is the policy of the Court to be fully responsive to all requests for the inspection of public records available under IPRA. IPRA provides the public with the right to access government records.

Your request is for "points of record" or bulk data related to records of search warrants. The Court does not maintain the bulk data you requested. For example, you requested, "Description of person search warrant executed on." This data is not separately entered into the Court's case management system, and is not available in bulk for reporting.

New Mexico's IPRA does not require government agencies to create records in response to a request, *see* NMSA 1978 §14-2-8(B) (stating "Nothing in the Inspection of Public Records Act shall be construed to require a public body to create a public record"). The Court is not in possession of records relating to your request for bulk data, and we consider your request closed.

Sincerely,


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